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UCEDD NETWORK BENEFITS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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2012 marks the Center for Persons with Disabilities' 40th year Anniversary.

We employ over 200 people who work on 79 projects that all focus on improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families through research, education, services and technical assistance. The CPD covers a 12-state area and has touched an entire generation of people with disabilities who have received services from our programs or have been affected by programs we actively support through training and technical assistance. An Annual Report outlines the accomplishments of the Center each year.

The CPD is also Utah's University Center of Excellence on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD).

UCEDDs were created in 1963 to support people with intellectual disabilities. Currently authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and coordinated by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), UCEDDs are a resource for Americans with a wide range of disabilities.

The AUCD has compiled their 2012 UCEDD Brochure that outlines the functions and recent accomplishments and locations of the nation's 67 UCEDDs.

The following are some of the accomplishments, on average, over the past five years, of the national network of UCEDDs:

- *Provided professional preparation for working in the disability field to over 2,000 students annually.*
- *Provided technical assistance and training each year to over one million health, education, mental health, and policy-making professionals, as well as people with disabilities and their families.*
- *Provided direct (clinical or other) services to more than 700,000 individuals with developmental disabilities and/or their families annually.*
- *Conducted nearly 3,000 research projects each year whose results may benefit people with disabilities.*
- *Developed and disseminated over 7,000 different publications annually to bring the most current information to professionals and the community.*

The CPD is proud to be part of this valuable network.